IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 5, Line 1, after the word "but," please insert the word --is--.

Page 8, line 26, please change "experiences" to --experience--.

Page 11, line 21, please delete --in--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 19 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A circuit comprising:

a first circuit having a first input and a first output, wherein said first output [being] includes a function of a signal at said first input [plus a] and also includes a first noise component resulting from noise experienced by said first circuit;

a second circuit, [identical/to and] located [proximate] <u>proximal</u> to said first circuit[,] and having a second input and a second output, <u>wherein said second output</u> includes a function of a signal at said second input and also includes a second noise component resulting from noise experienced by said second circuit, and wherein the second noise component is approximately equal to the first noise component;

[said second input set to cause said second output to equal said noise component of said first output;] and

a subtractor circuit connected to said first circuit and to said second circuit to subtract said second output from said first output.

3. (Amended) A circuit according to claim 1 wherein said subtractor circuit further comprises a halving circuit which reduces a signal by one-half its amplitude.

4. (Amended) A circuit comprising:

a first circuit having a first input and a first output, [said first output being a function of said first input plus noise;] wherein said first output includes a function of a signal at said first input and also includes a first noise component resulting from noise experienced by said first circuit;

[a second circuit, identical to said first circuit, and] a second circuit having a second input and a second output, wherein said second output includes an input signal component which is a function of a signal at said second input and also includes a second noise component resulting from noise experienced by said second circuit, wherein the input signal component is a null output, and wherein the second noise component is approximately equal to the first noise component;

[said second input designed to cause said second circuit to produce, as said second output, said noise only;] and

a third circuit having a third input connected to said first output[,] and a fourth input connected to said second output to subtract said second output from said first output.

7. (Amended) A circuit comprising:

a first circuit having a first input and a first output, wherein said first output [being] includes a function of a signal at said first input and also includes a noise component resulting from noise experienced by [plus noise;

a second circuit, identical to] said first circuit[, and].

a second circuit having a second input and a second output;

[said second input, being an inverse of said first input, causing said second circuit to produce, as said second output, an inverse function of said first circuit plus noise] a signal supplying circuit suppling to the second input a signal an inverse of the signal at the first input; and

a third circuit having a third input connected to said first output and a fourth input connected to said second output, and [combining] subtracting said second output from said first output.

8. (Amended) A circuit according to claim 7 wherein said third circuit further comprises a halving circuit which reduces a signal by one-half its amplitude.

(Amended) A circuit according to claim 9, wherein said first circuit, said second circuit, said [operator] third circuit, and said digital circuit are on a single integrated circuit chip.

11. (Twice Amended) An integrated circuit chip (IC) [circuit] comprising:

[a digital circuit;]

a plurality of analog circuits, each proximal to [said digital circuit and] to each other, and each of said plurality of analog circuits producing an output signal which includes a function of an input signal and also includes a noise component resulting from noise experienced by said plurality of analog circuits;

a noise separator circuit, proximal to said plurality of analog circuits, and producing a noise signal based on noise/experienced by said noise separator circuit, wherein the noise signal is approximately equal to the noise component of the output signal output by each of the plurality of analog circuits; and

a noise canceling circuit[, processing said outputs signal] which processes said output signals with said noise signal to reduce the noise component of the output signal output by each of the plurality of analog circuits.

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(Amended) An IC according to claim 11 wherein said noise canceling circuit further comprises a halving circuit which reduces a signal by one-half its amplitude.

(1) (A) 14. (Amended) A noise cancellation method comprising the steps:
supplying a first signal to a first circuit;
reading a first output from said first circuit;

supplying a [null] signal to a second circuit which results in a null output from the second circuit, wherein said second circuit is located proximal to said first circuit;

reading a second output from said second circuit;

combining said first output with said second output to produce a combinational output.

wherein a noise component of the first output due to noise experienced by said first circuit is approximately equal to a noise component of the second circuit due to noise experienced by said second circuit.

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17. (Amended) A method according to claim 14 wherein said step of combination comprises the step of adding said second output to said first output to produce an added output.

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18. (Amended) A method according to claim 17 wherein said step of combination further comprises the step of [halving] reducing said added output signal by one-half its amplitude.

Please add claims 20 to 29 as follows:

A circuit according to claim 1, wherein said second circuit is identical to said first circuit.

A circuit according to claim 1, wherein the noise experienced by said first circuit and said second circuit is electromagnetic environmental noise.

A circuit according to claim 1 wherein said second circuit is located close enough to said first circuit so that said second circuit experiences approximately the same noise as said first circuit.

23. A circuit according to claim 1, wherein said third circuit is digital.

24. A circuit according to claim 1, wherein said third circuit is analog.

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28. A circuit according to claim 4, wherein said second circuit is identical to said first circuit.

A circuit according to claim , wherein the noise experienced by said first circuit and said second circuit is electromagnetic environmental noise.

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A circuit according to claim, wherein said second circuit is identical to said first circuit.

A circuit according to claim 11, wherein the noise experienced by said plurality of analog circuits and said noise separator circuit is electromagnetic environmental noise.

A circuit according to claim 14, wherein the noise experienced by said first circuit and said second circuit is electromagnetic environmental noise.--

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please approve the accompanying Request for Approval of Drawing Changes.

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